

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the title appearing in lines 1-3 on page 1 as follows.

~~WOOD-BASED DECORATIVE ARTICLE AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME~~ HAVING TRANSLUCENT WOOD VENEER

Please amend the paragraph from line 32 on page 28 to line 5 on page 29 as follows.

FIG. 6 shows a wood-based decorative article according to a third embodiment of the invention. The wood-based decorative article 31 is comprised of a front veneer 32, and a substrate 33 integrally joined to the rear surface of the front veneer ~~sheet~~ 32. Further, on the front surface of the veneer ~~sheet~~ 32, there is a topcoat layer 40 formed by the top coating process.